

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

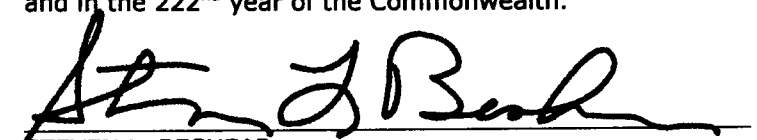
- WHEREAS, Sexual violence impacts every community in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS, The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that 47.7% of women and 19.6% of men in Kentucky have experienced sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS, The CDC reports survivors of sexual violence often suffer from a wide range of physical and mental health problems including depression, anxiety, chronic pain and heart disease which also present public health implications for a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker; and
- WHEREAS, Increased education, awareness and community involvement, coupled with leadership, dedication and encouragement, can prevent sexual violence and human trafficking in the Commonwealth and encourages victims of military sexual trauma, prison rape and human trafficking to seek rape crisis services; and
- WHEREAS, Last year, Kentucky's regional rape crisis centers responded to over 3000 crisis calls, provided more than 14,000 counseling sessions, performed over 2800 advocacy services and provided over 3900 educational programs for nearly 110,000 Kentuckians; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's Regional Rape Crisis Centers have led by providing 24-hour hotline services to victim/survivors and their significant others, responding to emergency calls, offering support and comfort to those impacted by sexual violence and empowering those impacted by sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's Regional Rape Crisis Centers have forged collaborative relationships with service agencies, organizations and community partners serves to improve quality service for those most directly affected by sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's Rape Crisis Centers request public support and assistance as they continue efforts to free the Commonwealth from the tragedy of sexual violence and exploitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 29th day of January, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen and in the 222nd year of the Commonwealth.


STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR


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